

APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT
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2. I/we believe I am/we are the original, first and sole/joint inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

"Composite Surface on a Stainless Steel Matrix"

the specification of which is attached hereto.

3. I/we hereby state that I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

4. I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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Prior Foreign Application(s) and Priority Claims Under 35 U.S.C. 119 Priority Claimed

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7. I/we hereby appoint **Kenneth H. Johnson** as my/our attorney of record with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office: Kenneth H. Johnson, Registration No. 22966.

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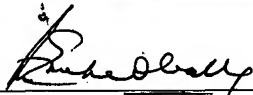
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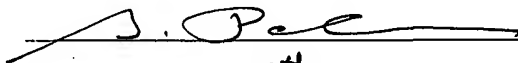
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